

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 - 4, 6 - 9 and 11 - 17 are presently pending in the application. Claims 2, 5, 10 and 18 - 23 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 9 have been amended.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 11 - 17 have been indicated as allowed and claims 5 - 8 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the claims from which those claims depend. Per item 4 of the Office Action, the limitations of objected to claim 5 and claim 2, from which objected to claim 5 depended, have been added to claim 1 of the instant application. As such, it is believed that claim 1, and all claims depending therefrom, as well as claims 11 - 17 (per item 5 of the Office Action), are in condition for immediate allowance.

In item 3 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1 - 4, 9 - 10 and 18 - 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U. S. Patent No. 5,600,782 to Thomson in view of U. S. Patent No. 5,726,541 to Glenn et al.

Claims 2, 10, 18 and 23 have been canceled from the instant application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of former claim 5, indicated as being allowable in the Office Action. Claims 3, 4 and 9 depend from the amended

claim 1. As such, it is believed that the cancellation of claims 2, 10 and 18 - 23, and the amendment of claim 1 to include all limitations of allowable claim 5, moots the rejections of item 3 of the Office Action.

It is accordingly believed that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, teach or suggest the features of claims 1 and 11. Claims 1 and 11 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claims 1 or 11.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 3 - 4, 6 - 9 and 11 - 17 are solicited.

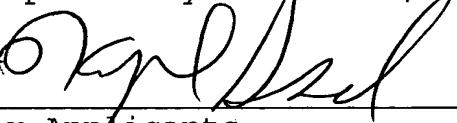
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and  
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